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Battery Dance Company at Skopje Dance Fest



Ambassador Wohlers presents the Ambassador's Award for Cultural Diplomacy to the Deputy Director for International Programs at BDC, Mr. Emad Salem

Ambassador Wohlers gave opening remarks at Skopje Dance Fest before the performance of Battery Dance Company, from New York City. Battery Dance Company was in Macedonia for one week as part of a 6-country Arts Envoy tour, sponsored by the Department of State. Throughout the week, the group worked with 100 students from Skopje, Tetovo, Bitola, Struga, and Stip through intensive dance workshops in their home cities. The results of the program were displayed at Saturday's evening performance at the Youth Cultural Centre. As part of Skopje Dance fest, these five groups of young people were able to give public performances after only five days of training. Throughout the program, they were able to connect with each other, despite different cultural and social backgrounds, and use the

opportunity for cross-cultural communication to create a beautiful final product.



The students' performance was followed by Battery Dance Company's professional performance of one of their NYC repertoire pieces, Autobiographica. It was a beautiful performance and a wonderful addition to Skopje Dance Fest. In recognition of the cultural contribution of Battery Dance Company, Ambassador Wohlers awarded the group with the Ambassador's Award for Cultural Diplomacy before the start of the show.



Ambassador and Mrs. Wohlers, Risima Risimkin with the Battery Dance Company dancers



Ambassador and Mrs. Wohlers congratulate BDC team for remarkable and extraordinary performance